Area Covered under Public Distribution Scheme

731. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to cover more areas under Public Distribution scheme; and

(b) if so, give details of the areas and names of district of Rajasthan to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Strengthening and streamlining of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continual process. The Central Government has advised State Government/UT Administrations who primarily implement the PDS among other things, to open more FPSs in uncovered and undercovered areas, to use vans as mobile outlets of PDS items in far-flung and remote areas and to issue ration cards to all families both in urban and rural areas.

(b) Rajasthan Government has reported that all thirty districts have been covered by PDS. There are 10815 FPSs in rural areas and 3858 FPSs in urban areas. During 1991-92, 250 new FPSs are proposed to be opened in the State, particularly in tribal districts of Dungarpur, Banswara, Chittorgarh, Sirohi, Udaipur and Baran (Shahabad Sub-Division).

Viable electronic industries

732. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) which are the specific electronic industries which would be viable in our country for exports and also for internal demands; and

(b) what kind of special assistance Government propose to extend for such Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Electronics industries in the areas of consumer electronics, control instrumentation, and indutrial electronics, computers, communication and broadcasting equipment, electronic components and computer software are viable for both exports and domestic markets. A list of specific electronic items identified for export is annexed. (*See* Statement below)

(b) The Import-Export Policy provides for various incentives for the growth of electronics exports Assistance is also provided for participation at specialised international trade fairs, seminars, conferences and other promotional programmes. Through a network of laboratories under the Standardisation, Testing and Quality Control Directorate of the Department of Electronics, assistance is provided in getting international quality standard certifications.

Statement

Electronic items having export potential

(*a*) *Computers, Computer peripherals and Related Items*

- Personal Computers (PO, POXT, PC|AT)
- Printers
- Floppy Disk Drives
- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Mother Boards Memory Modules

(*b*) *Components and Materials*

- Capacitors
- Resistors
- Semi-conductor Devices
- Monochrome Picture Tubes (36 cm and 51 cm screen size)
- Colour TV Picture Tube
- Deflection Components (for Monochrome & Colour TV applications)
- TV Tuners

— Printed Circuit Boards
— Magnetic Tapes (audio|video)
— Floppy Diskettes
— Audio|Video Tape Housing
— Switches
— Audio Tape Deck Mechanism
— Ferrites
— Permanent Magnets
— Transformers
— Telescopic aerials
— Copper Cladlaminates
— Hybrid Micro Circuits
— Silvered Mica Plates
— Connectors

(c) *Communication and Broadcasting Items*

— Antennas
— Satellite Communication Equipment
— Telephone Instruments
— Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchange (EPABX) Systems
— RAX (Rural Automatic Exchange)
— 2MB Primatry PCM
— Two way Communication equipment
— TV Broadcasting Equipment

(d) *Consumer Items*

— Monochrome & Colour TV sets
— Audio systems|Audio Cassette Recorders
— PA Systems
— Radio (FM/AM) and its combinations
— Watches|Clocks|Modules thereof
— Pre-recorded Audio|Video Cassettes

(e) *Computer Software and Consultancy Services*

(f) *Electronic Instruments*

— Uninterrupted Power Supplies
— Milk Analyser
— Oscilloscopes
— Telecom Test Equipment
— Electromedical Equipment
— Office Equipments

733. [*Transferred to 29th July*, 1991].

Delay in public sector projects

734. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of public sector projects are delayed;

(b) if so, the number of such projects;

(c) what would be the amount of escalated cost for these projects; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for clearing these projects speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per monitoring system of Deptt. of Programme Implementation, as on 1st April, 1991, 181 central projects, each costing over Rs. 20 crore, were delayed with respect to the latest approved schedule and their total latest anticipated cost was of the order of Rs. 53,400 crore.

(d) The Deptt. of Programme Implementation has been monitoring the implementation of these projects and has been highlighting the problem areas for appropriate and timely action by the concerned authorities, in order to expedite the timely completion of the projects.